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"Volunteers Needed for East Fork Guard Station Historic Building Restoration"

Hamilton, Montana, April 30, 2007 — The Bitterroot National Forest is looking for a few good volunteers who would like to assist in the restoration of the historic East Fork Guard Station.

The project will run in three four-day sessions, June 4-7, June 11-14, and June 18-21. Volunteers must be 18 years of age, and be able to commit to the Monday training session and at least one other workday. They will work under the supervision of Forest Service historic preservation specialists in constructing a post-and-pole fence, renovating the pumphouse, and re-roofing the cabin, along with various window repairs and painting.

The East Fork Guard Station was built around 1915. No longer needed for administrative use by the Forest Service, it is one of the more popular cabins available through the Bitterroot NF's cabin rental program in large part because it is accessible by vehicle year round. Over 400 people visited the cabin last year. Like many facilities in the Forest Service rental program, the East Fork Guard Station is located in a picturesque setting near a year round stream, and is equipped with a few bunkbeds and a wood cook stove.

Volunteers have the option of tent or self-contained RV camping at the Guard Station. For further information, please contact the Forest's Heritage Program manager, Mary Williams, at 363-7183.

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